

she accomplished a great deal during her time in Juneau. During that term she chaired the Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism and was Vice Chair of the Resources Committee.

Cheryll is best known for working with colleagues across the aisle in moving Alaska's anti-stalking law out of the legislature and to the Governor's desk. Her bill allowed victims of stalking to obtain protective orders in the same way that victims of domestic violence could in the State of Alaska. Cheryll was also a strong supporter of therapeutic courts and passed a resolution encouraging prosecutors and public defenders to take full advantage of this important resource. She worked to make health insurance more affordable to small employers and helped promote trade relations between Alaska and Taiwan.

Cheryll was well liked by those inside and outside of the political circle and was viewed as a genuinely nice person. A mutual friend, Mike Chenault of Nikiski, who served with Cheryll in the Alaska House and is today the House Speaker had this to say about Cheryll: "She had a light smile and an easy way about her that made her popular not only inside, but outside the Capitol."

Alaska takes pride in the fact that our Legislature is composed of citizens who come to Juneau for a few months each year to do the business of the State and then return home to carry on their own lives. Art was central to Cheryll Heinze's life. In fact, her official legislative biography lists her profession as "Artist." In fact, she was a world class oil painter who took inspiration from Alaska's fabulous scenery. Her painting of Mount Foraker hung in the offices of the Foraker Group, a consulting group that supports Alaska's non-profit sector. We also took pride in Cheryll's poetry.

In addition to all of her other activities she was a former President of the Anchorage Symphony League, a board member of the Pacific Northern Academy and Breast Cancer Focus, Inc., a member of the Alaska Pacific University President's Steering Committee, and an Art Instructor at the University of Alaska Rural Extension. She was a member of the Anchorage Opera Board, the World Affairs Council and the Matanuska Charitable Foundation Board. Cheryll brought energy and enthusiasm to all she did.

I extend the Senate's deepest condolences to Harold and other members of the family. Cheryll left us well before her time but in a way that is so appropriate for Alaskans—in pursuit of adventure. Alaskans have lost a friend and a leader and she will be greatly missed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated individual in Alabama, Mayor Ted Jen-

nings of Brewton, AL. Ted has been a successful businessman, pharmacist, and community, State, and national leader.

When he retires this year, he will have served as the mayor of Brewton for 24 years. During that time, he has grown Brewton both economically and technologically. But in addition to his success as a mayor, he has been a successful business owner and pharmacist. He is also well known in Alabama as former president and an active officer of the Alabama League of Municipalities and nationally has served on the board and in many other positions in the National League of Cities. He has, in both capacities, represented Brewton and Alabama as a strong advocate on matters of economic development. On a personal level, I want to express my appreciation to Ted for his friendship, advice, and counsel on matters critical to the area.

All of us who have come to know him over the years have observed his dedication to public service, his hard work, and his effective leadership. He has a host of friends and admirers—this Senator is one. I thank him for his service and know that, even in retirement, he will be a strong advocate for rural economic development and Alabama. I extend my best wishes to Ted and family as you begin your next adventure.●

#### RECOGNIZING BALDWIN APPLE LADDERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small, local businesses play a critical role in our economy, creating two-thirds of all jobs across the Nation. Nowhere is small businesses' value more evident than in my home State of Maine. Even during these challenging economic times, entrepreneurs across the State continue to make headlines for their perseverance and can-do attitude in the face of adversity. I rise today to recognize and commend Baldwin Apple Ladders and owner Peter Baldwin for their tremendous contribution to the local economy and for resilience in the face of disaster that struck a mere 2 months ago.

Mr. Baldwin founded Baldwin Apple Ladders in 1984, in his hometown of Brooks, ME. Since its opening, Baldwin Apple Ladders has built approximately 30,000 ladders, which have been used in orchards throughout Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Famous for their durability and signature style, the ladders were even featured in Martha Stewart Magazine. Mr. Baldwin's business purchases the lumber used in ladder production from local sources, generates jobs through shipping and delivery, and supplies customers nationwide, giving it a national as well local presence. While business was at its peak, the Baldwin Apple Ladders manufactured and sold an average of 1,200 ladders annually.

On May 8th 2012, Mr. Baldwin was contacted by a neighbor with the dev-

astating news that Baldwin's ladder building facility was on fire. Along with the stock inventory of finished ladders, production equipment, and stacks of unused materials, the fire consumed the 6,500 square foot dairy barn which housed his manufacturing operations.

After the smoke cleared and the remaining assets were assessed, Mr. Baldwin was faced with a difficult decision to retire after 30 years in business, or rebuild. Mr. Baldwin chose to rebuild, refusing to let the fire dictate his future. Mr. Baldwin is committed to making ladders for as long as possible; recently building his first post-fire ladder, using tools that are no more advanced than what he had to work with when he first opened, back in 1984. Though this manner of manufacturing is considerably more arduous and time consuming, Mr. Baldwin is continuing his business and hoping to emerge stronger than ever.

Generous local donations, assistance, and support have helped in making tremendous strides in the rejuvenation of Baldwin Apple Ladders, a testament to the goodwill Mr. Baldwin has earned throughout the community. Mr. Baldwin's dedication to starting over and his perseverance in the face of such unimaginable obstacles is inspiring and a true example of the grit and incomparable spirit of Maine's entrepreneurs. I will eagerly follow Mr. Baldwin's progress in rebuilding, and extend my best wishes to him and Baldwin Apple Ladders and their future success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TYLER DUTTON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tyler Dutton, a legal intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Tyler is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Currently, he is attending Emory University Law School in Atlanta, GA. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Tyler for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2009. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2165. An act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 205. An act to amend the Act title An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational,